

SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENTS

VA244-16-B-0398

Pre-Bid Questions and Answers

Q1. *We have gone through the plans and have noticed that the line sections that are scheduled to be relined from end to end do not provide a “length” of each line section. Is it possible for the VA to provide exact quantities for the pipe relining as well as the proposed replacements?*

A1. The existing conditions drawings (CU-1A – 1D) indicate distances of various segments as measured by the video camera. These measurements can be used as tools to approximate distances of new pipe work. Additionally, each plan drawing has a graphic scale for approximation of distances. If any discrepancy is discovered, the contractor should bring them to the attention of the Contracting Officer. Note that all distances are to be considered approximate. The contractor is ultimately responsible for his own measurements. Refer to Specifications Section 01 00 00, General Requirements, as well as referenced FAR clauses.

Q2. *For this project will the contractor be provided an onsite laydown area for equipment and materials? If so will fencing need to be provided in order to encapsulate all materials and equipment from the public?*

A2. Yes, and yes. The job trailer will need to be located in the T-21 gravel area. Areas near each work zone can be utilized for material and equipment storage as appropriate for each work zone and for the duration of that work zone. They are not to be indefinite storage areas. They must be kept neat and the grass needs to be reasonably trimmed. Please also reference notes 12, 13 & 14 on Drawing G-2 and Staging Notes on Drawing GS-1.

Q3. *Will the Coatesville VAMC be able to provide an average daily flow rate for the buildings that will be impacted? If not will the Coatesville VAMC be able to provide contractors with the number of bathroom and shower units per building?*

A3. Yes, we will work with the contractor’s engineer to facilitate development of bypass plans. Note the experience requirements indicated in Section 33 33 19, Bypass Pumping.

Q4. *Will the Coatesville VAMC be providing an area for the contractor to take over excavation and spoils from the project?*

A4. There is one portion of the T-21 area that could be used for staging. Ultimately, all unusable spoils, such as gravel and paving need to be taken off-site in accordance with Specifications Section 01 74 19.

Q5. Will the contractor need to maintain an open sidewalk or road during this project for areas they will be working in or will they be able to shut down areas they are working on from pedestrian and car traffic?

A5. Safety is the priority. Temporary signage should be provided where road and pedestrian traffic must be diverted. In the cases of Areas A and C, complete road closure would probably be required. However, the work for Area B should ensure that traffic could pass. The work must be planned in advance to minimize the disruption. Please also reference Note 16 on Drawing G-2.

Q6. Is the contractor responsible to test lines that are to be repaired only? It would be our expectation that the line would not be able to handle a pressure test with the kind of repairs referenced.

A6. Clarification of question is required. Sewer lines are either replaced or CIPP lined, not "repaired". Testing requirements is to be as specified for each condition.

Q7. Is there expectation of the use of HEPA filters and if so where might they be needed for this project?

A7. HEPA filtration would not be applicable to outside construction areas. Work in crawl spaces may require exhaust fans. Crawl space work is represented in Detail 5 of Drawing CU-45. Please note that a clarification will be issued concerning details A, B and C of 5/CU-45.

Q8. Will the steps be repaired in-kind that are to be removed from figure 2 drawing CU-2C? Would the steps need to be completely replaced or will only the section affected need replaced?

A8. Complete replacement will be needed. The note will be reworded and further clarification will be issued. Materials to be changed.

Q9. Will the contractor be restricted in the hours of operation near certain buildings or areas of the Coatesville VAMC campus? If so would alternate work schedule hours in the evenings or on weekends be acceptable?

A9. Alternate hours might be required for the CIPP lining work in Area B. Weekend work might be preferable due to minimal parking needs and the contractor having more unobstructed access for trucks and equipment.

Q10. Do you know if it will require any sewer bypass to do the job?

A10. Absolutely. The buildings remain occupied. Refer to Specifications Section 33 33 19.

Q11. In Section 01 00 00--19 of the specifications for Project VA244-16-B-0398, in Para. 1.12, Part C it states that a copy of the soil report will be made available for inspection by bidders upon request to the Engineering Officer at the VA Medical Center.

A11. Please see attached.

NOTE: Further clarifications on Question 7 and Question 8 will be made on or about June 13, 2016.

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